

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Stage Coach Inn				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Newcomer's Tavern Stand				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: North of U. S. Route 40 at Huyetts				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown vicinity				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Frederick Higgins				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2, Huyetts				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 493/260				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	
	(Check One)	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered > 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
<p>The house is located on the north side of U.S. Route 40, at the Village of Huyett, about three miles west of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on relatively level ground and faces south.</p> <p>The structure is a two story, four bay stone dwelling covered with a layer of buff stucco. A long el or projection extends to the rear or north of the dwelling.</p> <p>Windows that remain in their original locations appear to be spaced evenly in the walls of the front section. Moderately wide frames hold casements which are not original.</p> <p>The main entrance is located near the center of the front elevation. It would appear that the two central bays of the first story of the front elevation have been removed to make room for a rather elaborate entranceway with fan and side lights.</p> <p>A three bay shed roofed porch extends along the front elevation. A double porch is present along the north elevation of the el.</p> <p>The roof structure extends beyond the end walls of the house and is covered with modern asphalt shingles. Large stone chimneys, one of which is new, rise from inside each gable end of the main section.</p> <p>The house, which was once a tavern, is in good condition and is being refurbished by its owners. The property contains 2.8 acres.</p>		

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1812?

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant primarily for its use as a tavern along the Hagerstown and Conococheague Turnpike which became part of the National Pike. As a tavern and inn, it achieves significance for its contribution to commerce and transportation in Washington County. The structure, although greatly altered, derives significance from its architecture. The property is also important for its association with Major Martin Kershner, a member of a prominent Washington County family.

In deeds referring to this property, the structure is described as Newcomer's Tavern Stand. David H. Newcomer purchased part of the tavern property from Andrew Kershner in 1843. Newcomer owned the property until 1868. During that time, presumably the structure was in use as a tavern, serving traffic on the Turnpike and the National Pike. It is also said to have been operated as the "White Swan Inn" during the early twentieth century. No information has been found to suggest whether or not the Kershner family operated a tavern on the property prior to Newcomer ownership.

Although altered, the house is worthy of note as an example in Washington County's stone architecture from the early nineteenth century. An exact building date for the structure has not been found, but its appearance suggests a construction date during the first third of the nineteenth century. The owner said that the house was built in 1812.

Finally, the structure is significant for its association with Martin Kershner who patented "Rocky Spring", the 1125 acre tract on which the house stands, in 1800. Major Martin Kershner, who died in 1817 had been a member of the Legislature and Justice of the Peace. <sup>1</sup>

1. Thomas J. C. Williams, History of Washington County, Vol. 1, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Company, (1906) page 162.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records

Washington County Probate Records

Williams Thomas, J. C., History of Washington County,  
Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Company, 1906.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.8 Acres

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE July, 1975
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

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Signature

DEED RECORDS

493/260 August 1, 1969  
Grantor: Ethel S. Kountz  
Grantee: Frederick W. Higgins and Arleen E. Higgins

146/556 March 15, 1915  
Grantor: Martin J. Gearhart and Katie H. Gearhart  
Grantee: Ethel S. Kountz  
\$4,950 11 acres, part of "Rocky Spring"

119/474 March 29, 1904  
Grantor: Joseph S. Grimm and Arbelia Grimm  
Grantee: Martin J. Gearhart  
\$1,900 11 acres

103/284 April 1, 1895  
Grantor: Weisis Fox and Minnie Fox  
Grantee: Joseph S. Grimm  
\$2,225  
Known as the Newcomer Tavern Stand

102/626 February 27, 1894  
Grantor: Alex Armstrong, Trustee  
Grantee: Weisel Fox  
Equity Court Case of Alex Armstrong, Assignee VS John Powell #4582  
\$1,800 "Newcomer Tavern Stand"

96/852 March 13, 1891  
Grantor: Jacob Downin and Harriet Downin  
Grantee: John Powell  
11 Acres

81/451 October 25, 1881  
Grantor: W. M. McDowell  
Grantee: John E. Rowland  
\$2,275 21 Acres

75/495 February 9, 1877  
Grantor: J. J. Funk, et al, heirs of Jacob Funk  
Grantee: Jacob Downin  
Being part of the same property on which Jacob Funk (of Jno.)  
resided at the time of his death.

DEED RECORDS

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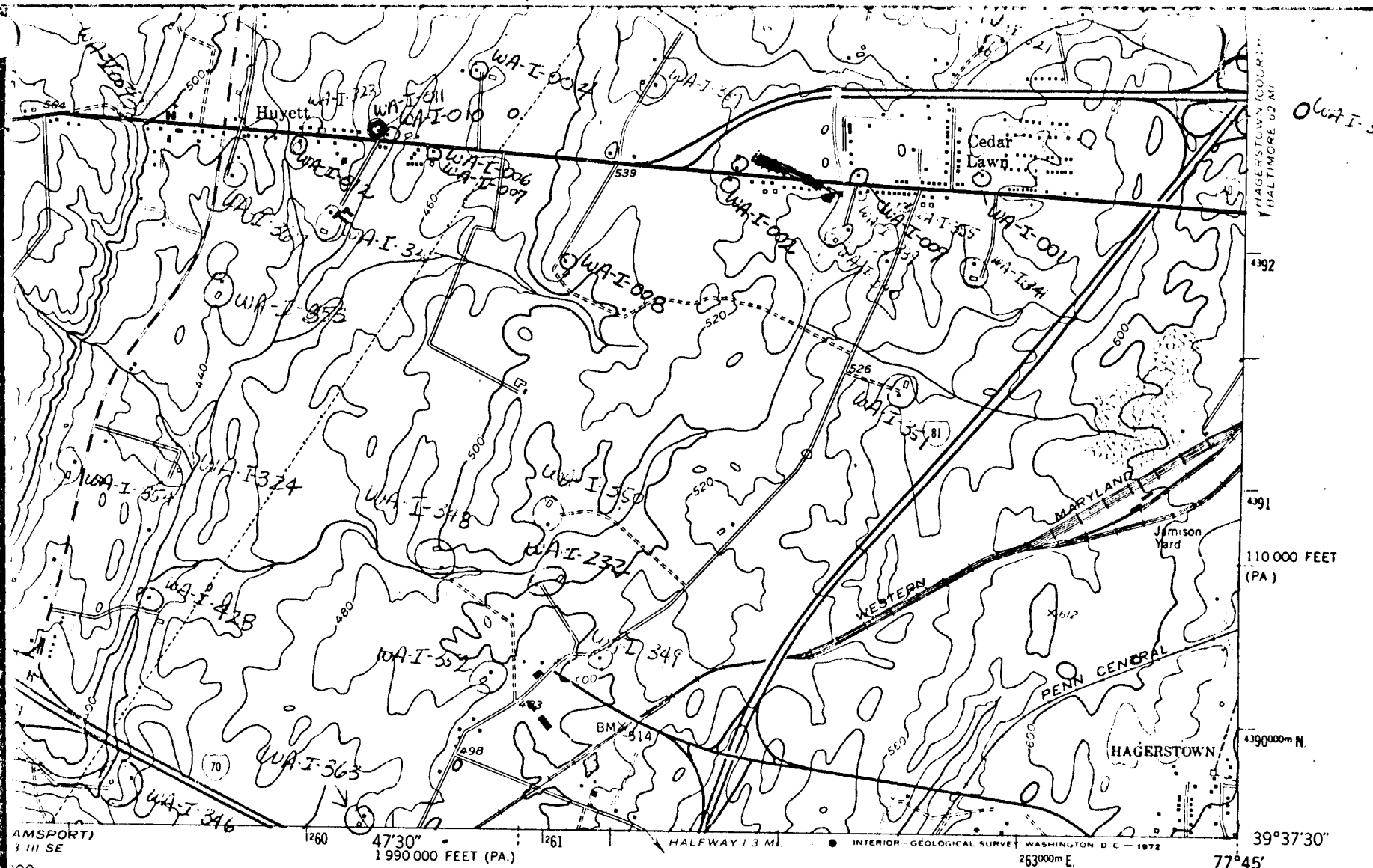
LBN2/662      March 3, 1868  
Grantor: David Newcomer and Elizabeth Newcomer  
Grantee: Jacob Funk (of Jno.)  
\$875    "Rocky Spring"

ZZ/870        March 11, 1843  
Grantor: Andrew Kershner and Elizabeth Kershner, executors  
   for Martin Kershner  
Grantee: David H. Newcomer  
8 Acres of "Rocky Spring"

NOTE: Newcomer acquired other portions of "Rocky Spring"  
in the following deeds: OHW2/260, 1844; IN8/577, 1854;  
IN9/699, 1855.

Land Pantent Book 2, folio 288

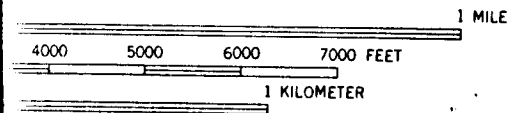
"Rocky Spring" granted to Martin Kershner, April 30, 1800.  
1124 3/4 Acres.



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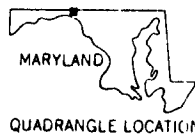
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20 FEET  
LEVEL

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
Y, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

HALFWAY 1.3 MI.

INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D. C. - 1972

263000m E

77°45'

# ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Light-duty  
Medium-duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route State Route  
Interstate Route

MASON-DIXON, MD.-PA.  
NE/4 WILLIAMSPORT 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3937.5—W7745/7.5

1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1971  
AMS 5463 III NE—SERIES V833

(FUNKSTOWN)  
5463 III SW



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